

Dates for your planner

February

Friday 11 th	8.45-9.30	School Nurse Drop in
Tuesday 15 th	3pm	Book Fair
Wednesday 16 th		Parents Evening
Friday 18 th	9.15 - 10.15	Family Support Drop in Break up

Half Term

Monday 28th Return to school

March

Tuesday 1 st		World Maths Day
Thursday 3 rd		World Spelling Day
Friday 4 th	9.15 - 10.15	Family Support Drop in
Friday 11 th		Year 3 visit to Hindu Temple *
Friday 18 th w/c 28 th	9.15 - 10.15	Family Support Drop in Mothers day meals * Outdoor Maths Week
Thursday 31 st	4pm	Choir performance at Arrow Vale

April

Friday 1 st	9.15 - 10.15	Family Support Drop in Yr 1 Assembly *
Thursday 7 th		Pupil of the term assembly Break up

Friday 8th April = Teacher Education Training Day

Easter holidays

Tuesday 26 th		Return to school
Friday 29 th		Bank Holiday (Royal Wedding)
Monday 2 nd May		Bank Holiday (May Day)

* more details to follow

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Parents' Surveys

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parents' Surveys last term. Results have been collated by a Parent Governor who gave a very positive report at the Governors meeting in January. Outcomes included; children are happy, feel safe and behave well. Standards of teaching received particularly positive comments. Parents disagree over the amount of homework; please see the class teacher to discuss if you feel there is too much homework. Communication between home and school was judged good, with year planners and text messages particularly appreciated.

Parents' Evening

Please book your meeting with the child/ren's class teacher by returning the reply slip on the letter sent home this week.

There have been requests for maths workshops for parents and we will be asking for more detail on this via a questionnaire which will be available on Parents' Evening next Wednesday (16th February).



Online payments

Following the positive response received to the survey in the autumn term regarding online payments for school activities, we are pleased to inform you that you will shortly be able to make payments online using a credit or debit card. You will soon receive further information giving details of how to access this service together with your child's unique PIN number.

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Forest School

Miss Begley is currently training as a Forest School Leader and will be running sessions in Year 4 next half term on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (starting on 1st March until 7th April). For this to be possible she needs parental help (or Grandparents!).



Forest School (outdoor learning) is run in the school grounds and promotes independence, self esteem, team work, communication and confidence.

Please speak to Miss Begley, Miss Shillaker or the office staff if you are able to help or require further information.



Courtyard Tidy Up

We are also looking for helpers for after half term to tidy up and replant our courtyard area. If you can spare a few hours in school time we would love to hear from you.

Punctuality

You may be aware that the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) has been in school recently to monitor late arrivals. We are pleased with the impact this has had, thank you for your co-operation.

The importance of arriving at school on time has been communicated to children in assembly and all children who arrive on time for school every day in February will be rewarded with a small prize on Friday 18th.

Reminder : School starts at 8.40am (8.50am for Reception) when children in years 1 - 4 line up on the playground.



Special Educational Needs

Just to remind you that if you need to speak to Miss Begley (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) she is available on Tuesdays before, during or after school. Please ring the office on 528872 to make an appointment.



Family Support Drop in Sessions

Our Family Support Worker, Kate Price, is holding drop in sessions here at Tenacres on Fridays, 9:15 - 10:15am on;

- 🕒 18th February
- 🕒 4th March
- 🕒 18th March
- 🕒 1st April



If you need any advice regarding children's behaviour or general parenting issues please come and see her for an informal chat.

Book Fayre

Our Literacy Co-ordinator, Miss Williams has organised a Book Fair in school on Tuesday 15th February between 3.15 - 5pm. Please come along and support this event from which school receives 100% commission in books for our Library. Thank you.

